

November 18, 2020

MIDDLE SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The Middle School will not return to in-person classes until, at the earliest, January 19th. This is due to two main factors. First, the spread of Covid - 19 is aggressive and unpredictable now. It is better to wait until January when we will have more time to start up in-school teaching and, hopefully, more certainty about the spread of the virus. Second, operationally, the spread of the virus threatens our ability to adequately staff our classrooms, offices, and support services at the Middle School.

On the positive side, we have a strong distance learning program. It is functioning well and our students are learning. It is better for us to stay with what is working than risk the uncertainties of a return to the classroom too soon.

We understand the problems that this may cause for some of you and wish we could do otherwise. From the beginning we have been conservative and cautious in our handling of the problems created for us by the virus. Staying with virtual classrooms at the Middle School until January 19th is the best way to continue to do so.

Our hours will continue to be the same as they have been in virtual learning - 8:45AM - 4:00PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and 8:45AM - 1:30PM on Wednesdays. Additionally, middle school students do have classes next Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 23rd & 24th). Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 25th – 27th. Students will resume virtual classes on Monday November 30th.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Grote, Executive Director
Ms. Leah Harris, Middle School Principal